

MENTAL HYGIENE.

(By Dr. Frank C'Brien of the Louisville Mental Survey).

Shall the State of South Carolina continue to spend thousands of dollars for the care of—punishing and trying to cure individuals at a time when little or nothing can be done for them; and almost totally neglecting to damn the stream at its source by instituting preventive methods at a period, when in a great measure, prevention is possible? Shall she continue to lavish all her available money in the caring for the results of conditions that could have been prevented and continue to do almost nothing to remove the causes?

This is a question that the people of South Carolina through their representatives must answer for themselves at the coming Assembly.

A Mental Hygiene Survey of this State conducted by the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, at the request of Gov. Cooper, in which were examined all the inmates of all the state penal and correctional institutions, all the inmates of many of the county jails and almshouses and the inmates of orphanages and about 7000 school children, has just been completed. This thorough study, especially of dependency and delinquency, reveals that the causes of social mal-adjustment are many, both physical and mental, but that the greatest single, causative factor is feeble-mindedness. It is also evident that the State yearly spends many thousands of dollars on the results of feeble-mindedness in her dependent and delinquent institutions and she provides practically nothing for feeble-mindedness itself. She is spending all this money in a very uneconomical and inhumane way by attempting to treat these unfortunates when most of them have long since passed the stage where that type of institutional treatment will be of any value. This method is especially uneconomical because it absolutely offers no relief from the situation itself.

Feeble-mindedness is a condition of abnormal brain development due to which the individual is incapable of properly adjusting himself to the ordinary conditions of life. As we have physical dwarfs—individuals who have not, nor never can have the stature of the average individual, we likewise have mental dwarfs, individuals who have not, nor never can have, the mentality of the average individual. These mental dwarfs are the feeble-minded.

In about 67 per cent of the cases the causes of feeble-mindedness is heredity—a condition handed on from parent to child. In as much as feeble-mindedness is due to a lack of proper brain development, there is absolutely no cure. When we consider that about two thirds of the cases are inherited and that there is no cure of this condition, and because of the condition most of the individuals so afflicted cannot properly take care of themselves in society, is it any reason why they form such a large proportion of that great army of social derelicts?

Although there is no cure, for this condition, the one hopeful solution of the problem lies in the fact that they can be trained but they must be recognized early, and then taught by the methods peculiarly adapted to their abnormal brain development. These methods are totally different from

those used in teaching the normal child in the public schools. Because the child cannot learn by the methods used in the public schools, he is not only a menace and draw back to the other children but sooner or later, he is thrown on society absolutely incapable of self-support. Because of this incapacity he becomes sooner or later, a misfit in society. This is the reason why many of these feeble-minded find their way into our correctional and dependent institutions, a cause of great expense and danger to the state.

In subsequent articles we will treat of the relationship of feeble-mindedness to dependency to prostitution and to the public schools.

MISSISSIPPI WATERS CUT THROUGH LEVEE.

New Orleans, April 23.—Hope of closing the break in the Mississippi levee which occurred at Myrtle Grove, 30 miles south of this city, was abandoned today after it had widened to approximately 125 feet despite the efforts of the levee engineers to close the gap and confine the river to its regular channel.

Engineers hope to be able to "tie" the ends of the levee with tarpaulins and let the water run through over the already inundated land.

While it is impossible to estimate the damage done by the break at Myrtle Grove, plantation men today expressed the opinion that at least \$1,000,000 damage had already been done. The Deer Range Plantation company is the heaviest loser. This company owns about 6,000 acres of land in the inundated area, planted mostly in sugar cane. Owners of the plantation say it will require at least three years of harvesting before enough seed can be raised to proceed with the conduct of the plantation on the scale maintained before the flood.

Oyster and shrimp beds and trapping are other industries which will suffer largely as a result of the break.

As a protection to plantation settlements, back levees were cut in several places but the flood waters continued to spread over large areas of land with no appreciable let up.

Memphis, April 23.—Many plantations back of Reelfoot levee, south of Hickman, Ky., are deserted tonight, following additional caving of the river bank outside the levee, near the first cave in last week. The levee is still intact, but the sloughing off of the bank, throwing the current against the levee caused many to move, taking their live stock and household goods with them. At all other threatened points north of Vicksburg, engineers report the situation well in hand.

Practically the entire population of Hickman and surrounding territory worked all day on the Reelfoot levee which protects 78,000 acres of rich farming land. A call has been issued for workers to strengthen the point where caving occurred last

week, but the appearance of sloughing at the new point caused all efforts to be concentrated in that sector. An entirely new levee is being built back of the caving area and work on it will be continued on it until it is declared as safe by engineers.

At Tunica, Miss., where serious trouble was reported yesterday, engineers said it was now hoped that further trouble at that point would be prevented.

METEOR SEEN IN NORTHERN STATES.

Asbury Park, N. J., April 23.—A meteor discharging odoriferous gases flashed through space to the south of this place at 9 o'clock tonight, disappeared in a thunderous roar and frightened residents of many coast towns. Window panes in residences in Toms River were shattered by the explosion, and the gases, polluting the atmosphere for more than a quarter of an hour, compelled the residents to hold dampened handkerchiefs to their nostrils.

In Lakehurst many of the buildings were shaken as if by an earthquake. A party led by town officials has set out for the spot where the meteor fell, believed to be near Brown's Mill-in-the-Pines, a village 30 miles from here.

The atmospheric phenomenon, according to many of the persons who witnessed it, lasted for about a minute. But a tiny streak of light at first it became beautifully colored as it neared the earth and at times appeared to halt momentarily in space adopt a new course, then zigzag back again, witnesses declared.

The meteor fell into the sea about a mile off shore at Seaside Park, 35 miles south of here, witnesses declared. The celestial mass as it struck the water caused an explosion that shook the residences of the village and threw spray to a great height. Volumes of steam then arose and drifting ashore nauseated many.

Members of two coast guard companies said they believed the phenomenon had been caused by a large explosive rocket. No trace of a giant rocket could be found, however.

Philadelphia, April 23.—A meteor, described as having the appearance of a gigantic airplane on fire, was observed here and in the suburbs shortly before 9 o'clock tonight. A number of persons who reported having seen it, said it appeared to be falling due east of Philadelphia.

OBITUARY.

Saunders Franklin Swygert, son of Jessie and Louisa Swygert, was born June 15th, 1843, and died April 21st, 1922, making his earthly life 78 years, ten months and six days.

He was married to Miss Mary Bouknight March 3rd, 1877. He leaves a widow, and five children, of whom three are boys and two are girls.

Ero. Swygert served two years in the Confederate army during the War Between the States.

He was a member of the Methodist church for twenty-five or thirty years and died in the fellowship of Beulah church, near Gilbert, S. C., in Lexington county.

We hope that our loss is his gain.

"And There Wasn't the Slightest Smell from Dead Rats."

Writes John Simpkins, farmer of Annandale, N. J.: "Rats were costing me hundreds yearly; tried dogs, ferrets, poison, could not get rid of them. Bought \$1.25 pkg. of RAT-SNAP (5 cakes). Used half, not a live rat since. Dead ones a plenty. I like RAT-SNAP because after killing rats it dries them up—leaves no smell." Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Lexington Pharmacy and Harmon Drug Co.

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CLERK'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—Court of Common Pleas. Bank of Pelion, Plaintiff, versus Margaret Roof, and J. W. Roof her husband, and Batesburg Cotton Oil Company, Defendants. By virtue of authority vested in me by Order of the Court in the above entitled Cause, I will sell before the Court House door in Lexington, S. C., at public auction to the highest bidder, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday in May next, the same being the first day of said month, the following described real estate, to

wit:

"All that piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the town of Pelion, in above said County and State, being in shape of a rectangle, fronting and measuring 50 feet and running back therefrom in parallel lines to a depth of 100 feet and being bounded as follows: on the south-east by a 10 foot sidewalk, which is parallel with the Southern Railroad tracks, on the southwest by lands of Sallio Schofield, on the northwest and north-east by lands of J. H. Laird, same having been deeded to me by J. W. Roof on the 16th day of October, 1919."

Terms of sale: Cash. Purchaser shall pay to Clerk of Court in one half hour the sum of one hundred dollars, and in case he shall fail to do so the said Clerk shall immediately resell the same to the highest bidder for cash without further advertisement. Purchaser to pay for papers, revenue stamps and recording fees.

H. L. HARMON, Clerk of Court. TIMMERMAN & GRAHAM, Attorneys for Plaintiff. April 10th, 1922.

CLERK'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—Court of Common Pleas.

E. O. DePass, Plaintiff, vs Martha M. A. Brown, J. P. Etheredse, The Bank of North, Defendants.

By virtue of authority vested in me by Order of the Court in the above entitled Cause, I will sell before the Court House door in Lexington, S. C., during the legal hours of sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the first Monday in May next, the same being the first day of said month, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being about two miles west of Woodfield in the County of Lexington, State of South Carolina, containing sixty-five (65) acres, in two adjoining tracts—one of sixty (60) acres, and the other of five (5) acres; and as a whole bounded: North and North-East, by lands of A. Z. Stroman; East, by lands of W. A. Harley; South, by lands of C. C. Justice; and West, by lands of J. J. Boyles."

Terms of Sale: Cash. That before the premises shall be knocked down to any bidder except the plaintiff, a deposit of three hundred (\$300.00) Dollars shall be required as a guarantee of good faith, to be forfeited in case of non-compliance within twenty days from date of sale.

H. L. HARMON, Clerk of Court. DePASS & DePASS, Attys., for Plaintiff. April 10th, 1922.

REFEREE'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—Court of Common Pleas.

Morris Motor Company, Plaintiff, versus J. E. Davis, Mrs. S. M. Hagens, Palmetto National Bank, M. C. Johnson Motor Co. and Swift & Co., Defendants.

By virtue of authority vested in me by Order of the Court in the above entitled Cause, I will sell before the Court House door in Lexington, S. C., during the legal hours of sale, at public auction to the highest bidder on the first Monday in May next, the same being the first day of said month, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that certain piece, parcel, or lots of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Cayce, County of Lexington, State of South Carolina, and being designated as lots Nos. 3 and 4, in Block H, on plat of T. C. Hamby, surveyor, dated June 27th, 1912, and recorded in Deed Book 3-K, page 571, Clerk's office for Lexington County, and bounded on the North by lands now or formerly of Mrs. Annie S. Holland and measuring thereon one hundred seven (107) feet, on the East by lands now or formerly of J. S. Craps and measuring thereon one hundred thirty three (133) feet, on the South by Holland Ave., and measuring thereon one hundred seven (107) feet and on the West by lands now or formerly of Mrs. Annie S. Holland and measuring thereon one hundred thirty-three (133) feet."

Terms of sale: One-third cash balance in one and two years secured by note of purchaser bearing interest at 8 per cent, per annum and by a mortgage of the premises sold, with privilege to purchaser to pay all cash. The successful bidder is required to pay \$200 as earnest money before any bid is accepted, same to be forfeited in case of non-compliance with said bid within twenty days from said sale.

H. L. HARMON, Special Referee. TOMPKINS, BARNETT & McDONALD, Attorneys for Plaintiff. April 10th, 1922.

CLERK'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—Court of Common Pleas.

Bank of Pelion, Plaintiff, vs W. C. Yonce, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of authority vested in me by Order of the Court in the above entitled Cause, I will sell before the Court House door in Lexington, S. C., at public auction to the highest bidder, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday in May next, the same being the first day of said month, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the town of Pelion, in the County of Lexington and State aforesaid, containing 132 feet by 275 feet and having the following metes and bounds to wit: on the north-east by lot No. 6 on the map herein after mentioned and measuring thereon 275 feet, said lot now or formerly owned by J. W. Roof, on the south-east by lot No. 1 on said map now owned by J. P. Hutto and measuring thereon 132 feet, on the southwest by Norris Street measuring thereon 275 feet, northwest by Fort street and measuring thereon 132 feet, being more particularly delineated and described as lot No. 5, in Block G on a map of the town of Pelion, made by P. S. Norris, C. E. and dated February 1911: being the same premises deeded to me on this date by the said Bank of Pelion."

Terms of Sale: Cash, purchaser to pay one hundred dollars in one half hour, and in case he shall fail to do so, the said Clerk shall immediately resell the same to the highest bidder for cash without further advertisement. Purchaser to pay for papers, revenue stamps and recording fees.

H. L. HARMON, Clerk of Court. TIMMERMAN & GRAHAM, Attorneys for Plaintiff. April 10th, 1922.

CLERK'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—Court of Common Pleas.

Frank Ferrell, et al., Plaintiffs, against Thomas Ferrell, Defendant.

By virtue of authority vested in me by Order of the Court in the above entitled Cause, I will sell before the Court house door in Lexington, S. C., at public auction to the highest bidder, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday in May next, the same being the first day of said month, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the town of Cayce, in the County of Lexington and the State aforesaid, measuring one hundred twenty-nine feet on Lexington Avenue, on the East forty-eight feet, on the North ninety-seven feet, and on the West seventy-six feet, the same being a portion of lots Nos. seven and eight in block "A", as shown by plat of Mrs. A. S. Holland."

Terms of sale: Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers, revenue stamps and recording fees.

H. L. HARMON, Clerk of Court. MARTIN & STURKIE, Attorneys for Plaintiff. April 10th, 1922.

CLERK'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—Court of Common Pleas.

Bessie-Ferrell Sightler, Plaintiff, against Lester Leroy Ferrell, et al Defendants.

By virtue of authority vested in me by Order of the Court in the above entitled Cause I will sell before the Court House door in Lexington, S. C., at public auction to the highest bidder, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday in May next, the same being the first day of said month, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the town of Cayce, in the County of Lexington and State aforesaid, measuring ninety-seven feet on the South; on the East measuring eighty-three feet; on the North sixty-five and one-half feet; and on the West sixty-nine and one-half feet, on the Dunbar public road, the same being a portion of lots Nos. seven and eight in block "A", as shown by plat of land of Mrs. A. S. Holland."

Terms of Sale: Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers, revenue stamps and recording fees.

H. L. HARMON, Clerk of Court. MARTIN & STURKIE, Attorneys for Plaintiff. April 10th, 1922.

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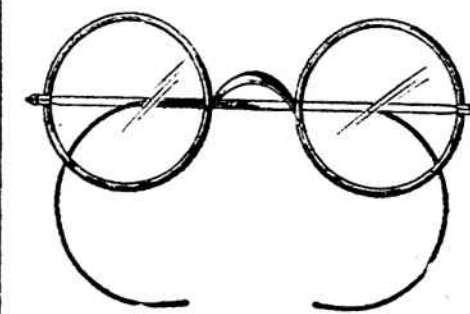
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State of South Carolina, County of Lexington.—By W. F. Hook, esquire, probate judge.

Whereas, Mabel Griffin made suit to me, to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of James C. Griffin.

These are Therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said James C. Griffin, deceased, that they be and appear, before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lexington, C. H., S. C., on 25th day April, 1922 next, after publication hereof at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this 5th day of April Anno Domini 1922.

W. F. HOOK (L. S.)
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